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(SBU) PolOff delivered objectives to Hanna Vaananen, Finnish MFA Regional Manager, Department for Africa and the Middle East on April 15. Vaananen said that a troika mission from the EU is expected to visit Madagascar. Vaananen also said that Finland has NGO networks in Madagascar but doesn't bilaterally fund the government. She will pass the objectives to Finland's delegation to the EU. BUTLER